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**Re:** Application No. 10/053,511

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**MESSAGE:**

**Examiner Budd,**

**Attached please find the following documents:**

1. **Amendment Transmittal;**
2. **Response B; and**
3. **Limited Recognition Under 37 CFR §10.9(b).**

**Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Roy D. Kornbluh, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: SRIIP035/US-4237-2

Application No.: 10/053,511

Filed: January 16, 2002

Examiner: Budd, Mark Osborne

Title: VARIABLE STIFFNESS  
ELECTROACTIVE POLYMER SYSTEMS

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**Mail Stop Amendment  
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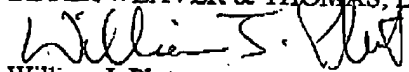
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

|  | Claims<br>After<br>Amendment |       | Highest<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Present<br>Extra | Small Entity<br>Rate Fee | Large Entity<br>Rate Fee |
|--|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Claims   | 96                           | MINUS | 96                                | 0                | x 9 = 0                  | x 18 =                   |
| Independent<br>Claims  | 13                           | MINUS | 13                                | 0                | x 43 = 0                 | x 86 =                   |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid |                              |       |                                   |                  | \$145.00                 | \$290.00                 |
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- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☒ Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SRIIP035).

Respectfully submitted,  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****PATENT**In re application of: Kombluh, *et al.*

Atty Docket No.: SR1P035/US-4237-2

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.

App. No. 10/053,511

Reply to Office Action of April 7, 2004

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